

PROF. DOUGLAS, LEADING FIGURE IN THE SOUTHWEST, STEPS OUT

(BY H. S. H.)

THE RESIGNATION of Prof. James Douglas from the presidency of Phelps Dodge & Company marks the retirement of a man who has been a leading figure in the upbuilding of the southwest. The man who made Bisbee and for whom Douglas was named is too important to the southwest to be allowed to step into the background without a word of recognition of his great achievements.

It is worth while recalling here that while Prof. Douglas has been called the discoverer of Douglas, there is a story that a burro was the real discoverer. The story has been related in a current magazine by a writer who conceals himself under the initials "J. E. M."

According to this writer, it was in 1884 that two prospectors, Prof. Douglas and James Gordon, tramped over the trail from Tombstone, followed by their burro and stopped to rest in a gulch where there was water and shade. The burro, delighted with his pack was taken from his back, and kicking up his heels as he gambled about among the rocks, kicked a fragment of stone toward Prof. Douglas who examined it and saw it was copper ore.

Investigation disclosed indications that mountains of the ore were at hand, a judgment which proved correct and the Copper Queen mine was the result. The mine caused Bisbee and Douglas, and the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, to be built.

Mr. Gordon became the first superintendent of the Copper Queen according to "J. E. M." and it was he who caused the first ties and rails to be laid from Bisbee to Fairbank, out of which expanded and grew the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, the presidency of which Prof. Douglas is also now resigning. The first locomotive used on this line is the little relic standing over by the El Paso & Southwestern building.

It was Walter Douglas, who now becomes president of the Phelps-Dodge company, who receives chief credit for picking what is now Douglas as a place for the location of the Copper Queen's smelter. The town of Douglas sprang into being with the smelter. The salmets & Arizona has a smelter there now, making two big treating plants for the bustling Arizona town, and Douglas, Arizona, has prospered about as have the Douglasses whose name it bears.

The activities of Phelps, Dodge & Company have expanded in many directions since the burro kicked loose the first place of copper ore in Tombstone canyon, but these three events: the discovery of the mine, the building of the railroad, and the establishment of the Douglas family in the southwest. The extensive coal and copper mining operations of the company in New Mexico have also left a definite imprint on the life and history of that state.

Prof. Douglas succeeded because, first, he was equipped to succeed; second, because he saw a good thing and was quick to realize its potential value; third, because he had the tenacity to hold fast and the will to work hard until his properties expanded into a great institution; fourth, and as important as any other, because he was able to recognize the kind of men who could best work for him and he appreciated worth by paying its price.

Prof. Douglas has always been interested in the people and the multifarious affairs of the southwest, and his son, Walter Douglas, is not less so. It was largely on his account that the El Paso & Southwestern was extended from Douglas to Tucson, and the probability that it will be built on through to a coast connection if not to the coast itself. It was he, also, who gave the big Y. M. C. A. building to Tucson, and he has always been a leader in public enterprises in Bisbee and Douglas. There is every reason to believe that Prof. Douglas has been no less canny in choosing his successor than in selecting his company manager and mine superintendents.

In the midst of banquets and offers of financial and military aid, let Mexico remember that Germany never does anything for nothing.

Another reason for being happy is furnished by the ever mounting figures of El Paso's weekly bank clearings.

Among the memories of the dim past is the 25 cent "regular dinner."

A Texas widow has adopted four children. Now by marrying a man she could have a complete ready-made family.

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The Flag and The Church.

THE RISE of patriotic feeling in the nation is making itself felt in the churches, where patriotism is involved, Christian men and women do not hang back. At the First Baptist church in Tucson, Arizona, Sunday evening, the American flag was hoisted over the church at the conclusion of a service dedicated to the national emblem. "The Star Spangled Banner" was on the musical program, and the pastor preached from a text taken from the 60th Psalm, fourth verse:

"Then hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

Episcopal denominational papers are urging the placing of flags on all churches of that denomination to teach the relation of the church to patriotism and its Christian expression. The Churchman, of New York, says:

"The very appropriateness of the suggestion is sufficient appeal for its adoption. Not only but at all times let the flag be displayed in the churches as a perpetual reminder of our God-given mission as a nation to the peoples of the world." The publication proceeds to enforce the utterance of a bishop who said on the occasion of the unfurling of an American flag and a banner of the cross in a Pittsburgh church:

"The banner of the cross wears the sacredness of Calvary. The Stars and Stripes were consecrated at Lexington, at Bunker Hill, and amid the prayers and privations of Valley Forge. They gain no additional sacredness from the holy place where they are now standing. Rather, one may reverently say, they confer new consecration upon the holy place itself. They stand for God and fatherland; for religion and patriotism; and there are no words in human speech nor any conceptions in the heart of man more holy than these."

Another religious paper, The Living Church, says: "It is a mistake to suppose that the national emblem is an inappropriate addition to the ornaments of the church. The church has always inculcated patriotism and the American flag is a proper emblem to be borne and displayed in every American church. But the church also teaches an internationalism as well that must always be correlated with patriotism and that ought, much more than in history it has done, to preserve nations from a national selfishness that stands in the way of a recognition of the rights of other nations. The cross and the flag interpret each other."

While this season has lent itself to cutting down the high cost of living it is even better for the man who, because he has not lent his bank roll, can pay cash.

The president applied the principle of pitiless publicity to the dilatory dozen in the senate.

Every prohibition blow makes John Barleycorn more groggy.

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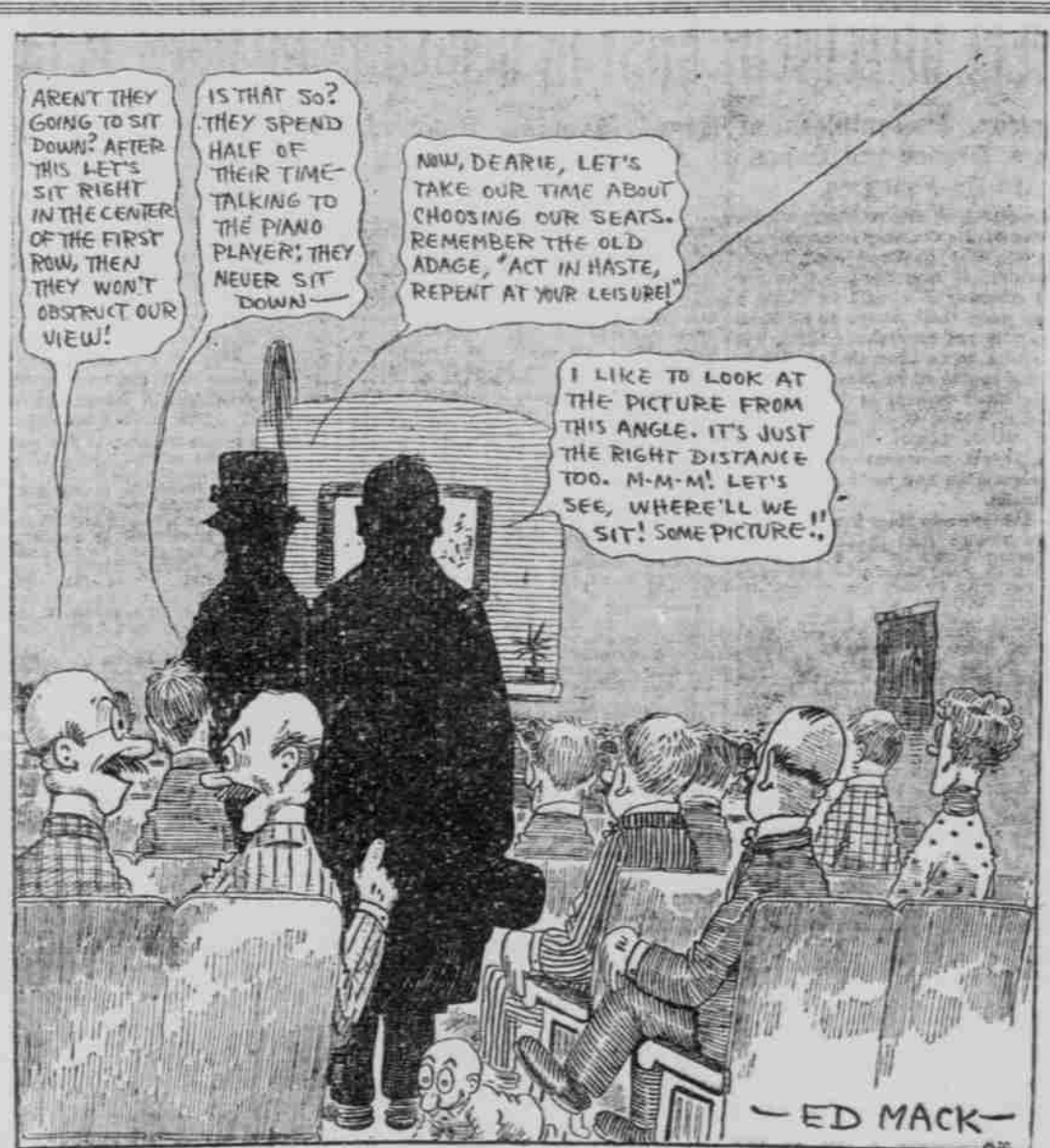
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The Movies

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HOGWALLOW LOCALS

By GEORGE BINGHAM

Cricket Hicks is saving coupons. He says in a contest like this the last four or five hundred are the hardest to get, but that when the job does come it is awful nice and guaranteed.

Raz Barlow is on the program for the entertainment at Wild Onion Friday night, with a lot of new and original jokes, but he feels safe as he has an almanac that is out of circulation in this vicinity.

Isaac Hellwanger fell over the railing of the bridge on Gilmert creek the other day while watching the high water. He says it don't pay for a person to put his mind too much on one thing unless he is holding to the railing of something else.

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Says El Paso People Always Treat Soldiers Right Albuquerque Man Tells of London Air Raid He Saw

"THE soldier is treated for what he is worth in El Paso," said Lieut. Robert E. Motley, dental surgeon, Third Michigan Infantry. "The uniform has not, to my knowledge, deprived any man in the army, state or federal command, from the advantages offered and courtesies shown to all civilians in El Paso. I came here with the 21st Michigan on July 11 last and have witnessed all the changes that have occurred here and I believe the soldiers have generally got a square deal from local people of all classes. El Paso is a revelation to a man from the north as a progressive city and surely has a great future. The people here know how to treat the men in the army and our organizations from the Wolverine state are high appreciative for that fact."

"While German air raids in England may not have resulted in as great a success from a military standpoint as the impudently boastful had hoped for, this form of warfare has held England in constant fear since the beginning of the world war said Isaac Barlow of Albuquerque, N. M. "I was in London when that city was attacked one night by a hostile fleet of German raiders. The approach of the raiders was discovered by the English aeroplanes, and the alarm at once given. After a few minutes of fighting the raiders fled without doing much damage."

"The Elks are certainly increasing their membership in El Paso," said C. A. Williams, of Childrens, Texas, district grand deputy. In fact the Elks

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"My little boy reads newspapers," said Henry Wesch, "and is interested in Park Pittman's query as to who was the first citizen of the United States to pass through El Paso. He asked me if Mr. Pittman was the first American to pass through El Paso. I told him yes, that Mr. Pittman did not pass through, but stopped right here just as soon as he found El Paso."

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Little Interviews

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"I have visited some sad lakes," said Ponder Carter, "mention it in his story of the Salt Lake. The cattlemen in that section still send their wagons to the lakes about once a year to get salt for their stock. I have gone there several times with cattlemen. They cut the salt out in huge blocks weighing from 20 to 40 pounds each, and these blocks are placed at different points on the range for the cows and horses."

R. T. McHard of Hot Wells, Texas, down the county, drove cattle on the old trail to the northern leading grounds through the Indian country in 1871, and he has kept closely in touch with the real life and problems of the cowboy since that time. He has also found time to read a good deal about himself on national and international affairs. "If the authorities would take a hint from the old cowboy," says Mr. McHard, "they would trust nobody and nothing except a strong guard and a good horse and a good mind. I didn't expect my boys to do impossible things, but when they were riding herd at night I let them to call me if they felt that they couldn't keep awake. There was too much a stake to take chances. We never lost a head of stock on our drive. But we had no sentiment about our men. We trusted in the good intentions of either Mexicans or Indians. I do not recall any trouble with our men. Our men were ever taken out of our night camps."

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